

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph from page 6, line 22, to page 7, line 8, as follows:

--As may be seen in FIG. 5, in this first embodiment the guard element 1 is secured to the working surface of a bench top 6 by means of a retaining element 2 (or 4) in the form of an extruded channel section. Retaining element 2 (or 4) may be secured to the bench top 6 by a variety of means as shown in FIG. 6, for example by screws 9, rivets 10 or by means of two-sided self-adhesive strip or an adhesive, both of which are referred to by reference numeral 8 in FIG. 5. Further methods of holding the retaining element 2 (or 4) to the surface of bench top 6 may include bonding with suitable adhesives, or non-mechanical means such as magnetic strips or by suction means.--